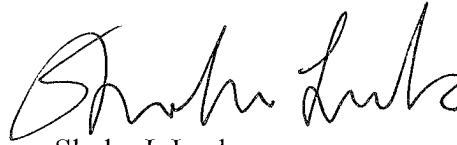


REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination of the present application. The Examiner's consideration of the specification and the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shoko I. Leek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shoko" being more prominent than the last name "Leek".

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